

Language from Reclamation Planning Instructions on General Investigations

Appropriations for General Investigations: Usually assumes a 50/50 cost share.

- 1) **Appraisal Investigations** to determine whether a feasibility investigation is justified. Appraisal study funding is 100% Federal for studies costing less than \$200,000. This process requires follow-up Congressional authorization after appraisal for feasibility investigations.
- 2) **Feasibility Investigations** to determine whether a project should be recommended for construction. The Feasibility Report is the decision document for construction authorization. This process requires follow-up Congressional authorization after feasibility for specific authorization for construction. Construction cost sharing would be specified in the construction legislation.
- 3) **Special Investigations** - activities relating to existing projects, minor work on completed investigations, water management studies, environmental studies, and interagency coordination. Less than a 50% cost share may be justified if there is an overwhelming Federal interest.

Other investigation:

Advanced Planning: Authorization of advanced planning and environmental compliance documents are generally linked to authorization of construction and appropriation. Essentially the same technical activities performed in a traditional feasibility study would be conducted in the advanced planning and environmental work.

This allows projects that have gone through appraisal level analysis to be authorized for construction implementation following the advanced planning studies and the environmental compliance process. Reduces the normal 2-step authorization process (feasibility plus construction) to a 1-step authorization.

By seeking authorization for "advanced planning, engineering design, environmental compliance activities, and construction," funding and authorization for all of these steps is sought under one authorizing legislation.

Furthermore, special cost sharing should be specified in the authorization language. If relying on previous appraisal authority at other cost share allocation or if relying on authority provided by some other legislation (i.e. CVPIA), should indicate in authorization language.

[note: There is draft language in the Draft WRDA 2000 changing the cost sharing for Feasibility studies to 65% Federal / 35% local.]